No. 29J. PFC's policy on financial package for reforming States, through which PFC meets a major portion of the reform related funding of reforming States, are at Annexure. *[See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 29].

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The details of the funds allocated to various States including Maharashtra under the Acclerated Power Development Programme (APDP) during 2000-2001 are given in the Annexure *[See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 29].

Electricity tariff increased by Gujarat Government

† 4346. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have sharply increased the tariff of electricity which is causing great hardship to the general public;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the date when the last increase was made in this regard;

(c) whether the State Electricity Board is heading towards huge deficit due to expenditures being incurred on administration and other works; and

(d) whether the Central Government are contemplating to entrust the executive and operational arrangements of the Gujarat Electricity Board to private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The rates for power supply to various categories of consumers in Gujarat have been revised on 10.10.2000 on the basis of tariffs determined by the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission. The prevailing and increased rates as on 9.10.2000 and 10.10.2000 including electricity duty and FCA are given in the statement indicating percentage increase in the rates. *(See* below). The percentage increase has been in the range of 1.5% for agricultural consumers to 97.59% for

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domestic consumers. The increase of tariff in respect of agricultural consumers paying on the basis of horse power has been higher. In view of successive drought conditions prevailing in the State, the State Government has decided to provide relief to the agriculture consumers and accordingly the tariff effective prior to 10.10.2000 would continue till 30.6.2001.

(c) As per information available from the Annual Accounts of Gujarat Electricity Board, the total loss (without subsidy) incurred by the Board during 1999-2000 is Rs. 3498.13 crores whereas during 1998-99, the total loss was Rs. 2056.64 crores.

(d) The Gujarat Electricity Board is owned and controlled by the State Government and any decision to privatise rests with them and not with the Government of India.

Statement

Estimated average rates of Electricity for various categories of consumers charged by Gujarat State Electricity Board

SI. No.	Consumers	Load KW	Load Factor %	Load Consumption (Units/ Month)	Rates including Electricity Duty and FCA		
					Pre-Revised As on 09.10.2000	Revised As on 10.10.2000	Percentage Increase
1.	Domestic	2	—	100	290.25	573.50	97.59
2.	Domestic	5	—	400	411.72	716.75	74.09
3.	Domestic	10	—	1000	444.53	788.60	77.40
4.	Commercial	5	—	200	507.14	840.50	65.73
5.	Commercial	10	—	1000	521.99	879.65	68.52
6.	Commercial	20	—	2000	523.84	881.83	68.34
7.	Agriculture	5HP	15	408	51.06	65.36	28.01
8.	Agriculture	10HP	20	1089	61.22	62.14	1.50
9.	Small Industry	10HP	25	1361	342.87	602.24	75.65
10.	Medium Industry	50	40	14600	371.44	661.03	77.65
11.	Large Industry	1000	65	474500	466.27	722.29	54.91
12.	Heavy Industry (11 KV)	10000	60	4380000	497.52	762.57	J3.27
13.	Railway Traction	12500	30	2737500	512.57	745.28	45.40